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## **Inmate Death at FCI Butner (Low)**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, May 21, 2020, inmate Andrew Charles Markovci was evaluated by institutional medical staff at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner (Low), in Butner, North Carolina. He tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately placed in isolation. On Thursday, May 28, 2020, Mr. Markovci was transported to a local hospital for treatment and further evaluation for issues relating to shortness of breath and hypoxia. On Thursday, June 4, 2020, Mr. Markovci, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Markovci was a 56-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of South Carolina to a 144-month sentence for Bank Robbery and Armed Bank Robbery, Unarmed Bank Robbery, Firearms Laws, and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Butner since July 30, 2019.

FCI Butner (Low) is a Low security facility that currently houses 1,181 male offenders.

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